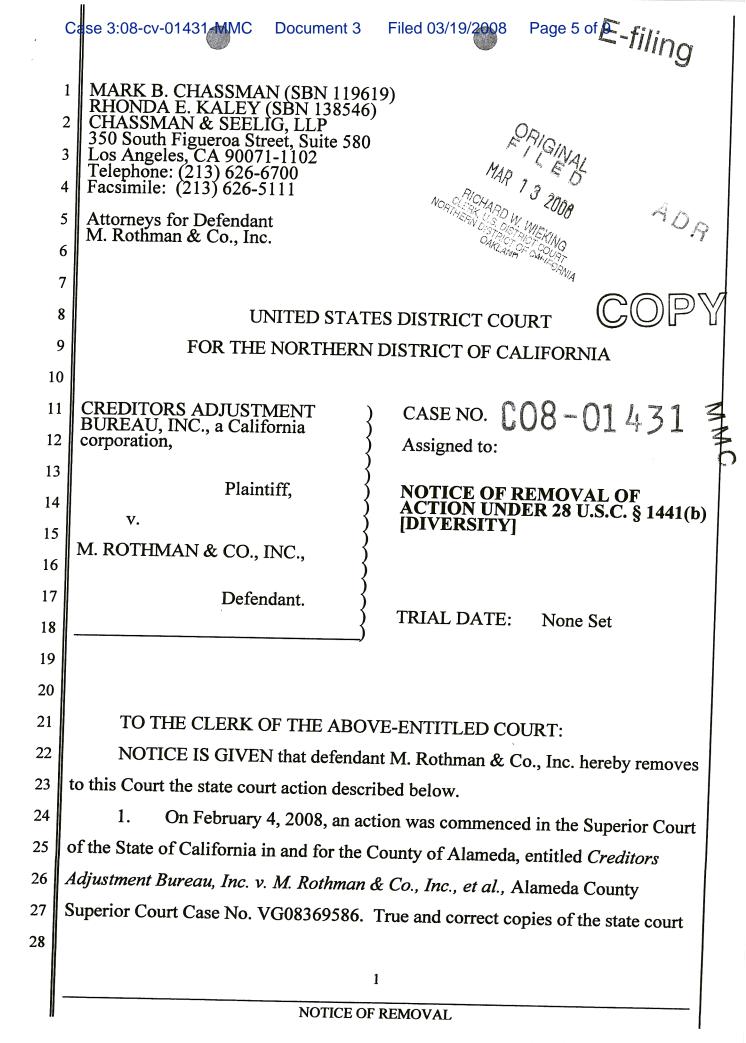


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complaint and related documents, including, but not limited to, a Summons, a Notice of Case Management Conference and Order, a Notice of Judicial Assignment, and a Civil Case Cover Sheet, which were served in conjunction with the complaint are attached, collectively, as Exhibit A.

- 2. The first date upon which defendant M. Rothman & Co., Inc. received a copy of the state court complaint was February 14, 2008, when an employee of defendant picked up the Exhibit A documents from the post office.
- 3. This action is a civil action of which this Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. section 1332 and is one which may be removed to this Court by defendants pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. section 1441(b) in that it is a civil action between citizens of different states and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of the \$75,000, exclusive of interests and costs. Plaintiff has alleged \$145,804.71 in damages, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorneys' fees. *See*, Exhibit A, Complaint, page 1, para. 2.
- 4. Complete diversity exists between the parties. Plaintiff identifies itself as a California corporation. Defendant M. Rothman & Co., Inc. was at the time of the filing of the state court action, and still is, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey, having its principal place of business in Ramsey, New Jersey. M. Rothman & Co. is the only named defendant in the state court action.
- 5. Plaintiff's claims arise out of an alleged breach of contract between Hannspree California Inc., plaintiff's assignor, and M. Rothman & Co., Inc. Plaintiff seeks \$145,804.71 in contract damages, plus interest, costs, and attorneys' fees.

6. Defendant M. Rothman & Co., Inc. respectfully requests that the state court action now pending in the Alameda County Superior Court be removed to this court. **DATED:** March 12, 2008 CHASSMAN & SEELIG, LLP By: Attorneys for Defendant M. Rothman & Co., Inc. 

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